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The Director
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Dear Director,

I am not sure if this matter is within the scope of your organisation, but if it is, I would appreciate your assistance please.

I am doing research into James Richard Pescott who was one time Secretary to the Victorian Government Soldier Settlement Scheme. J R Pescott was born in Geelong on 7th April 1866. He was employed as a Victorian Public Schools teacher between 1 April 1885 and 1 April 1887.

I have no record of his employment after 1887, but believe that he must have joined the Victoruian Public Service soon after. As this was a relatively senior position, He must have had other subordinate type Public Service occupations for some years in order to establish his credentials for appointment to the position of Secretary to the Soldier Settlement Scheme, Victoria. On the assumption that Victorian Public Servants at that time had a retirement age of 65, J R Pescott would have ceased his appointment as Secretary to the Soldier Settlement Scheme during 1931. J R Pescott died in Melbourne during 1957 age 91.

I am looking specifically for references to J R Pescott in relation to his employment in all capacities in the Victorian Public Service, in particular his activities as Secretary to the Soldier Settlement Scheme.

If you are able to assist me to find information I am seeking, please advise your scale of fees for this professional service. Thankyou and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

George Stevens